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Sunshine Taskforce City of San Jose

The Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN) would like to formally request the Sunshine Taskforce consider including formal City Council Committees such as Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund in the Sunshine Ordinance. This committee is comprised of community members and City Council representatives who make formal recommendations to the Council which are usually adopted by the Council.

SVCN regularly attends HNVF Committee meetings and works with our agencies to seek information and provide testimony to the HNVF Committee and PRNS staff on issues related to HNVF funding, priorities, RFP and more. SVCN and our agencies have been receiving late notice of meetings, staff reports, funding analysis and other information has not been sent in a timely manner for public review and discernment. It is not posted on a city website, and in some cases we have only had hours to review critical information before a vote for funding or policy changes by the Committee. We believe this committee's actions should fall within the overall plan for a Sunshine Ordinance.

We formally request that any city staff generated reports analysis or educational materials that provide information in order for a committee to vote, implement a policy change, funding recommendation etc to be emailed to all interested parties at least 7 days prior to a meeting and posted on the City website for full public access.

Currently, only an agenda is provided and the bulk of the materials are distributed at the meeting and a vote is taken. We believe greater disclosure of materials should be provided at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Please feel free to contact us to discuss this issue in greater detail.

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